

Application No. 10/024,746
Response to Notice of Non-Compliant
Amendment Dated May 9, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 29, 2005

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 29, 2005, the Applicant respectfully submits the attached corrected section of the Non-Compliant Amendment document in its entirety pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(h).

The Applicant respectfully submits that the submission in the form of the Election of Invention submitted on April 21, 2005, was a bona fide attempt to provide a complete reply to the previous Office Action, and should be treated as a proper Election of Invention. 37 C.F.R. 1.121. MPEP §706.07(h).

In the Office Action dated April 6, 2005, claims 82-121 were subjected to a Restriction Requirement wherein the Examiner required Applicant to elect between two different groups of inventions. In response, Applicant has elected Group I, and has withdrawn the claims of Group II as being directed towards a non-elected invention. Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a divisional application for claims 120 and 121.

Examination on the merits of the claims of Group I is accordingly requested.

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at 414-271-7590 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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